

July 25, 2012

The Ellettsville, Indiana, Town Council met in a special session on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at the Fire Department Training and Conference Room. The meeting started at 6:08 p.m. Town Council members present were Scott Oldham, President; Dan Swafford, Vice-President; Dianna S. Bastin, David Drake and Phill Smith. Supervisors present were Jim Ragle, Street Commissioner; Jim Davis, Fire Chief; Tony Bowlen, Town Marshal; Connie Griffin, Director of Planning; and Utility Manager, Mike Farmer. Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer was also present.

Year 2013 Budgets

The Supervisors presented their 2013 Budgets to the Council for review and discussion as follows.

Connie Griffin, Director of Planning: \$112,331.73.

Mike Farmer, Bynum Fanyo Utilities, Water: \$1,690,530 and Waste Water: \$1,920,780.

Jim Ragle, Street Department: Motor Vehicle Highway: \$447,938.26; Cumulative Capital Improvement: \$25,300; and Local Roads and Street: \$73,000.

Jim Davis, Fire Department: \$1,080,010.70; Cumulative Building and Equipment: \$51,325.56.

Tony Bowlen, Police Department: \$761,638.17; Cumulative Capital Development: \$90,500 and Law Enforcement Continuing Education: \$8,500.

Sandra Hash, Clerk-Treasurer, Administrative Budget: \$258,670.49.

The budgets included a 1.5% raise for both the full time and part time employees. The computer related expenses that were moved to the Cumulative Capital Development in 2010 were moved back to the departmental budgets. Fire Department \$3,000, Planning Department \$500 and the Clerk Treasurers Department \$4,650.

Scott Oldham asked the Supervisors to decrease their budgets for (200) supplies, (300) other services and (400) capital outlays by 10% for review at the next meeting.

Dan Swafford requested Darla Brown, Town Attorney attend the Plan Commission meetings in addition to the Town Council meetings. The cost would be an additional \$5,000.

Mike Farmer discussed the need for an additional water main from Bloomington to Ellettsville. The estimated cost will be 1.2 million for labor and materials with the materials portion being \$600,000 to \$700,000. The cost would be financed over 10 years with an interest rate of less than 4%. The project can be done without a rate increase by using Utility employees. They do have a position left open from retirement that would need to be filled when the project is started. The line would run down Woodyard Road and Ratliff Road. There was a discussion on the dry weather conditions and how they are affecting the water supply. Mike explained the water lines maintain supply and the water tanks provide the reservoir. The current tanks hold one day's supply of water. Due to the drought the tanks are not filling to capacity overnight as they normally would. The second line would increase the supply and give added protection in case the current line was damaged.

Scott Oldham stated he would like to look at the cost savings of combining the Street Department and the Utility Department to make a Public Works Department. Mike said when he worked for Bloomington the Departments helped each other out, adding the Street Department did the paving on the Sale Street project saving approximately 2 days work for the Utilities or about \$4800.

Scott Oldham requested information on the telephone cost for the Street Department and the Planning Department. Sandra Hash will provide the detailed cost at the next meeting.

They will meet again on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Fire Station Training and Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Scott Oldham, President

Dan Swafford, Vice-President

Dianna S. Bastin

David Drake

Phillip Smith

Sandra C. Hash, Clerk-Treasurer